

(B) intended to develop a person's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills so as to solve the convicted person's substance abuse and related problems; and

(C) shall include—

(i) addiction education;

(ii) individual, group, and family counseling pursuant to individualized treatment plans;

(iii) opportunity for involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, or Cocaine Anonymous;

(iv) parenting skills training, domestic violence counseling, and sexual abuse counseling, where appropriate;

(v) HIV education counseling and testing, when requested, and early intervention services for seropositive individuals;

(vi) services that facilitate access to health and social services, where appropriate and to the extent available; and

(vii) planning for and counseling to assist reentry into society, including referrals to appropriate educational, vocational, and other employment-related programs (to the extent available), referrals to appropriate outpatient or other drug or alcohol treatment, counseling, transitional housing, and assistance in obtaining suitable affordable housing and employment upon completion of treatment (and release from prison, if applicable);

(2) the term "aftercare services" means a course of individual and group treatment for a minimum of one year or for the remainder of the term of incarceration if less than one year, involving sustained and frequent interaction with individuals who have successfully completed a program of residential substance abuse treatment, and shall include consistent personal interaction between the individual and a primary counselor or case manager, participation in group and individual counseling sessions, social activities targeted toward a recovering substance abuser, and, where appropriate, more intensive intervention; and

(3) the term "substance abuse or dependency" means the abuse of or dependency on drugs or alcohol.

SEC. 206. STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the United States Sentencing Commission shall submit to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report regarding mandatory minimum sentences for controlled substance offenses, which shall include an analysis of—

(1) whether such sentences may have a disproportionate impact on ethnic or racial groups;

(2) the effectiveness of such sentences in reducing drug-related crime by violent offenders; and

(3) the frequency and appropriateness of the use of such sentences for nonviolent offenders in contrast with other approaches such as drug treatment programs.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Joe Conley, a fellow on my staff, for today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DNA ANALYSIS BACKLOG ELIMINATION ACT OF 2000

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4640, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4640) to make grants to States for carrying out DNA analyses for use in the Combined DNA Index System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide for the collection and analysis of DNA samples from certain violent and sexual offenders for use in such system, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 4359

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, it is my understanding that Senator LEAHY has an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], for Mr. LEAHY, proposes an amendment numbered 4359.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To express the sense of Congress regarding the obligation of grantee States to ensure access to post-conviction DNA testing and competent counsel in capital cases)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE OBLIGATION OF GRANTEE STATES TO ENSURE ACCESS TO POST-CONVICTION DNA TESTING AND COMPETENT COUNSEL IN CAPITAL CASES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) over the past decade, deoxyribo-nucleic acid testing (referred to in this section as "DNA testing") has emerged as the most reliable forensic technique for identifying criminals when biological material is left at a crime scene;

(2) because of its scientific precision, DNA testing can, in some cases, conclusively establish the guilt or innocence of a criminal defendant;

(3) in other cases, DNA testing may not conclusively establish guilt or innocence, but may have significant probative value to a finder of fact;

(4) DNA testing was not widely available in cases tried prior to 1994;

(5) new forensic DNA testing procedures have made it possible to get results from minute samples that could not previously be tested, and to obtain more informative and accurate results than earlier forms of forensic DNA testing could produce, resulting in some cases of convicted inmates being exonerated by new DNA tests after earlier tests had failed to produce definitive results;

(6) DNA testing can and has resulted in the post-conviction exoneration of more than 75 innocent men and women, including some under sentence of death;

(7) in more than a dozen cases, post-conviction DNA testing that has exonerated an innocent person has also enhanced public safe-

ty by providing evidence that led to the apprehension of the actual perpetrator;

(8) experience has shown that it is not unduly burdensome to make DNA testing available to inmates in appropriate cases;

(9) under current Federal and State law, it is difficult to obtain post-conviction DNA testing because of time limits on introducing newly discovered evidence;

(10) the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, a Federal panel established by the Department of Justice and comprised of law enforcement, judicial, and scientific experts, has urged that post-conviction DNA testing be permitted in the relatively small number of cases in which it is appropriate, notwithstanding procedural rules that could be invoked to preclude such testing, and notwithstanding the inability of an inmate to pay for the testing;

(11) only a few States have adopted post-conviction DNA testing procedures;

(12) States have received millions of dollars in DNA-related grants, and more funding is needed to improve State forensic facilities and to reduce the nationwide backlog of DNA samples from convicted offenders and crime scenes that need to be tested or retested using upgraded methods;

(13) States that accept such financial assistance should not deny the promise of truth and justice for both sides of our adversarial system that DNA testing offers;

(14) post-conviction DNA testing and other post-conviction investigative techniques have shown that innocent people have been sentenced to death in the United States;

(15) a constitutional error in capital cases is incompetent defense lawyers who fail to present important evidence that the defendant may have been innocent or does not deserve to be sentenced to death; and

(16) providing quality representation to defendants facing the loss of liberty or life is essential to fundamental due process and the speedy final resolution of judicial proceedings.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress should condition forensic science-related grants to a State or State forensic facility on the State's agreement to ensure post-conviction DNA testing in appropriate cases; and

(2) Congress should work with the States to improve the quality of legal representation in capital cases through the establishment of standards that will assure the timely appointment of competent counsel with adequate resources to represent defendants in capital cases at each stage of those proceedings.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4359) was agreed to.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to hail the impending passage of H.R. 4640—the DNA Backlog Elimination Act. This is a House companion bill to S. 903—the Violent Offender DNA Identification Act of 1999—which I introduced with my colleague from Wisconsin, Senator KOHL.

While existing anticrime technology can allow us to solve many violent crimes that occur in our communities, in order for this technology to work, it must be used. I have been a longtime